41e804
493
BOSTON ★ FEB 8 1941 MEDICAL LIBRARY
CATALOGUED DEC 26 1948 A.B

The JOURNAL of Phi Rho Sigma

Vol. 37 January, 1941 No. 3

Greetings from the Founder

We are privileged to publish the following letter, addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer of Phi Rho Sigma by Milbank Johnson, our Founder, on the occasion of the recent nation-wide celebration of the fiftieth birthday of the Fraternity. Dr. Elliott feels that the letter is not only a communication to him personally, but a message for the entire organization.

November 1, 1940

Dr. Ralph W. Elliott,
Secretary-Treasurer
Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Ralph:

Along with your congratulatory telegram I received many others, both from Canada and the United States, and it certainly is a great pleasure to me to realize that while I live so far away and have such slight contact with most of the boys, they have not forgotten me. At this time, my spirit is with them all. While I have accepted an invitation to be with Delta, I am interested in the success of all the chapters.

I am proud that the fraternity has made such progress in the last fifty years; it has exceeded my fondest expectations. We all owe much to the devoted interest of the many Phi Rho's who have contributed to this success, and have guided its destiny to the present time. The fraternity has now reached a half century of its existence, the half century in which medicine has made its greatest progress; and I am proud that the fraternity has kept abreast of this progress. We are not simply a group of good fellows having a good time. We recognize our responsibility to humanity and have made scholarship one of the cardinal purposes of the fraternity.

Please express to all the fraters my sincere appreciation for their many pleasant expressions in my behalf, and believe me, the fraternity is still very close to my heart.

Fraternally yours,
MILBANK JOHNSON

Fiftieth Anniversary Highlights

Although reports from several chapters have not yet been received, it is certain that the nation-wide celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of Phi Rho Sigma was an unqualified success. In all parts of the continent where Phi Rho's could gather, the occasion was one of mingled rejoicing and sober consideration. It will be surprising indeed if this anniversary observance does not prove to be one of the peaks in the history of the organization, productive of greater good to the Fraternity in the short period which it covered than any other single event.

A wide variety of social gatherings marked the occasion in different areas. Among the detailed accounts published in another section of this issue, one may find records which run the gamut from formal banquets to dinner-dances. In no instance, however, was the spirit of the occasion diverted from the proper channel. Each celebration was marked by suitable commemoration of the founding of the Fraternity, and of the progress it has made during its half-century of existence. At each there was delivered some sort of historical address appropriate to the event. A composite list of the speakers would constitute a roster of Phi Rho leaders throughout the United States and Canada.

Among many other features which served to stimulate interest in the proceedings and to further the purposes of the celebration was the presentation to each chapter of a large, autographed engraving of Dr. Milbank Johnson, Founder of the Fraternity. The engravings were furnished by the Los Angeles Alumni, while the fram-

(Continued on Page 7)

Two New Chapter Houses

Continuing a trend characteristic of the past few years, two additional chapters have moved into houses.

Delta Omicron Alpha Chapter, at Tulane University, has established a new home at 1448 Nashville Avenue, New Orleans. This forward step was the climax of an intensive campaign in which the New Orleans Alumni were of material assistance. The house itself can comfortably lodge fifteen men, and the first floor is well suited for chapter meetings and small chapter social functions.

Upsilon Chapter, at the Medical College of Virginia, has acquired a house at 409 North Eleventh Street, Richmond.

—o—

Milwaukee Alumni Reorganize

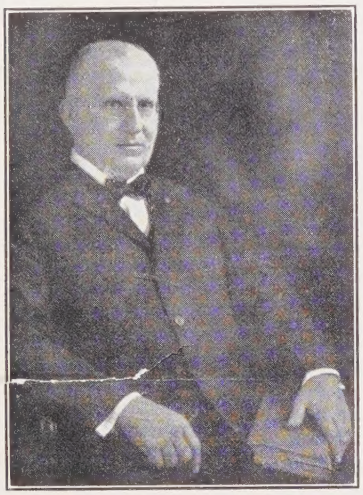
The Milwaukee Alumni participated in the anniversary celebration with a banquet on October 31, 1940. Forty-three members attended the banquet, and of these eleven were from outside Milwaukee proper. Fourteen chapters were represented. Chester M. Echols, *Gamma,* presided, and D. E. W. Wenstrand, *Alpha,* a past-president of the Fraternity, spoke on the early history of the organization. In addition, a representative from each of the several chapters extended brief greetings.

As a final order of business, the old Alumni Association was revived, to include not only Milwaukee but the entire state of Wisconsin. The following officers were promptly elected: President, Edwin Habbe, *Pi;* Vice-president, Griffith Jones, *Beta and Theta Tau;* Secretary-Treasurer, Val F. Lang, *Alpha.*

Arthur C. Morgan — a Tribute

By Norman M. Macneill, M.D., *Rho*

He was widely and lovingly known as "Spicy" Morgan by countless students and fellow practitioners. The sobriquet was apt and mercilessly just —as students' nicknames for their teachers always are—for spice is clean and pungent and imparts a subtle, pleasing quality far outweighing its quantity or appearance or seeming



Arthur Caradoc Morgan, M.D.

importance in the accomplishment of the perfection which it brings. And so was A. C. Morgan: that clean, pungent, persuasive force that gave itself so freely, ungrudgingly, and gladly to every plan and project that was calculated to make of a medical student a good, a conscientious, and an ethical physician.

That he was violently intolerant of any aspect of medical chauvinism is the mute proof that he saw and cherished in the principles of Phi Rho Sigma the ideals for which he so fearlessly stood. It will always be remembered, in the history of American medicine, that Arthur Morgan was one of those few who signed the minority report of the Committee on the Cost of Medical Care, an instrument which will probably go down in history as the very narrow bridge by which, if it does escape, American Medicine will have eluded the chaos, and probably the annihilation, which threatens it in our day, and which would derogate our profession to a servile bureaucratic impotence that would not only destroy practice as we know it, but impose in its place a soulless technological technique—faultless perhaps in its approach, but devastating in its consequence. That was A. C. Morgan's fear. And as we reflect on the imponderable contribution which he made to what is good and clean and free in American Medicine, let us also humbly reflect on the fact that A. C. Morgan lived the principles for which Phi Rho Sigma stands, and that in living them he wrote imperishably his own eulogy.

"Spicy" Morgan would have asked no greater encomium than the attestation that he lived and died a good Phi Rho. *We give it him! Requiescat in pace!*

—o—

Phi Rho Author of New Text

A new textbook on physical diagnosis has recently been released by Lea and Febiger, Philadelphia publishers. Its author, William Nance Anderson, *Iota,* is Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Southern California School of Medicine. Dr. Anderson, a graduate of the University of Nebraska in 1910, has been teaching medicine and physical diagnosis for many years, and thus enjoys a rich background of experience. His civilian practice and experience have been amplified by military service in the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Anderson's *Physical Diagnosis* is admirably arranged and profusely illustrated, and should receive a hearty welcome from physicians and medical students alike.

—o—

Another Phi Rho Book

Valuable information on the care of the mentally ill is contained in a recent volume entitled *Psychiatric Nursing Technic,* by A. E. Bennett, M. D., and Avis B. Purdy, R. N. (F. A. Davis Company, Philadelphia). Those who scan the "Phi Rho's in Recent Medical Literature" section will recognize the senior author as an old friend. Dr. Bennett is an alumnus of Iota Chapter and is Neuropsychiatrist-in-Chief of the Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital, Omaha, and Assistant Professor of Neuropsychiatry at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine.

Fathers of Medicine

By Dudley M. Stewart, M.D., *Delta Omicron Alpha*

HIPPOCRATES

The history of the sciences contains the names of many who were unappreciated during their generation because their observations and writings were lost in the fog of popular fallacy. Hippocrates was no exception. Had the physicians of the following nineteen hundred years rejected the dogmas of Galen and applied themselves to the works of the Father of Medicine this science would now be farther advanced. Lengthy philosophical discussions replaced clear scientific thought, and blind adherence to what was mistaken for the voice of authority was not conducive to original observation and constructive clinical thought. Recognizing his eminence in the field of medicine after nearly two thousand years of blundering and obscurity is the distinction which the world now accords Hippocrates.

A son of the golden age of Pericles, Hippocrates was born on the island of Cos in the year 460 B.C. Having received an international education in medicine and having practiced extensively, he learned at an early age the importance of careful clinical observation and the necessity of elevating medicine from superstition—of applying common sense in the place of incantations and burnt offerings. Being an extremely orderly thinker, he whipped the indefinite medical theories and the impractical sciences into a system which is to this day a model of clinical medicine and of practical therapeutics. Under Hippocrates, medicine came into its own, and surgery was definitely reduced to its proper position as a means of therapy rather than an end in itself. The treatment of disease was taken from the hands of the priest and given over to the physician, who was trained to utilize his senses as a means of facilitating diagnosis and prognosis. Definite disease entities were established, and the various theological and philosophical dissertations were discarded. That the bedside system of the teaching and practice of medicine, as advocated by Hippocrates, has stood the test of time for twenty-three hundred years testifies to the genius of one who was a contemporary of the most brilliant minds

that the world has ever produced. Hippocrates is justly the Father of Medicine and the greatest of all physicians.

Until the time of Daniel Drake and his exhaustive treatise on "The Principal Diseases of the Central Valley of North America", the volume "On Airs, Waters and Plants", of Hippocrates was the only work attempted on such a tremendous subject. His careful observations on the various diseases are models of clinical efficiency.

In the teaching of medicine, Hippocrates stressed the importance of bedside instruction, making careful note of the appearance of the face and skin, the tongue, the eyes, the expression, the attitude of the body, the pulse, the respiration; in all, a complete clinical picture of the sick patient. There was nothing dogmatic in his teachings as he urged the necessity for clinical observation, correlating his findings with the morbid conditions. Scarcely any specialty of today has been excluded from the works of Hippocrates.

Had Hippocratic medicine been the ideal, physicians for more than thirteen hundred years would have advanced in science; the Galenic influence being the *ultra* of medicine, the pinnacle of science, medicine as a profession became dogmatic and philosophic, and fell into disrepute. With the open-minded attitude advocated by Hippocrates and the constant endeavor for experimental observation which is so widely stressed in his writings, the dark ages of civilization would have had at least one shining light. Hippocrates realized that his system of medical thought and of medical teaching was an innovation, and in carefully reading his works one is often struck with the idea advanced by the ancient writer, that his concepts were only the beginning of this system, and that the reader is led to increase his knowledge by further study.

The life and works of Hippocrates form one of the most interesting backgrounds for modern medicine. In order more fully to appreciate the medical sciences of today, students are urged to become intimately familiar with these absorbing subjects.

Have you contributed to the Elliott Dollar Student Loan Fund?

Chapter and Alumni News

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET, ALPHA CHAPTER
Allerton Hotel, Chicago, Ill., October 31, 1940

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

In Omaha, the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of Phi Rho Sigma was celebrated jointly by Eta and Iota Chapters. The celebration consisted of a banquet at the Omaha Athletic Club, and was attended by approximately 100 undergraduates, alumni, and pledges. Details of the program are included in the news from the University of Nebraska. A dance was held following the banquet.

At the first regular meeting of the chapter for the current year, Fred J. Makovec was elected president, succeeding Nicholas D. Bonfilio. Brother Bonfilio is still at school but is unable to serve as president this year.

C. Thomas Hagan, Vice-president of the chapter, is president of the Interfraternity Council. At the annual Interfraternity Dance, held at the Hotel Paxton, November 30, 1940, Hagan acted as toastmaster for the banquet and presented the Queen of the Dance, known as Helen of Troy, to the assembled guests.

Eta Chapter announces the following pledges: Freshmen—Neal Addison, Paul Chapman, Yale Charboneau, James Conlon, Louis Dewey, Clement DuMont, John Egan, Edward Fleming, John Hilsabeck, James Kelly, John Mathiason, James O'Neill, Vincent Parnell, John Skirving, John Thompson, Gordon Van Nuys, John Martin, and Norman West; Sophomore—Robert Neikes; Juniors—George Moffitt and Maurice Stoner.

EMORY UNIVERSITY

Chi Beta Chapter is pleased to introduce the following pledges: from the second-year class, Horace M. Anderson, Guy H. Adams, Glen H. Curtis, John C. Dabney, Tom Florence, Rafael Rodriguez, and William Simpson; from the first-year class, Hector Bethart and Charles Dorman.

William Goodyear, of the senior class, was recently elected to membership in Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Medical Fraternity.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Chi Alpha Chapter celebrated the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity on November 2, 1940, with a banquet at the chapter house. Over 100 undergraduates and alumni were present. Dr. Peter Wright was toastmaster, and speeches were made by Drs. Lombard Kelly, Hugh Lokey, James Clark, Whatley W. Battey, and Calhoun McDougall. Dr. McDougall presented to the chapter a picture of Dr. Milbank Johnson, and Dr. Kelly presented a picture of Dr. Jesse Ansley Griffin, founder of the Chi Zeta Chi chapter.

Chi Alpha has 31 active members and 20 pledges. The chapter house is large, well situated, and well furnished.

UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA

Pi Chapter held the first meeting of the school year at the home of Dr. John R. Brayton, on September 23, 1940. During the past summer, the chapter tried out the preceptor-apprentice plan under the direction of Dr. Gordon Batman. Those who participated, both students and alumni, were well satisfied, and the chapter plans to increase the number taking part next summer. There are 14 members in the present junior class, and all are planning to participate.

On October 9, Dr. Cyrus Clark entertained the active chapter and all Phi Rho interns and residents at his farm on the banks of the White River. Drs. J. Warvel, Charles Thompson, Benjamin Moore, Kenneth Kohlsteadt, V. Hahn, and Corcoran were present, and each gave a short talk on internships and conscription.

Pi Chapter announces the following pledges: Gerald Fisher, Jamestown; Irving Folkening, Indianapolis; John Hetherington, Indianapolis; Alan Johnston, Indianapolis; Alan Carlton, Gary; Nicholas Egnatz, Hammond; Ralph Wigent, Fort Wayne; Harold Wolfe, Fort Wayne; Floyd Walker, Fort Wayne; Russell Palmer, Bloomington; Howard Blackson, Terre Haute; and Harold Shonk, Rochester.

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

Alpha Iota Chapter held a banquet and

(Continued on Page 6)

THE JOURNAL
of Phi Rho Sigma

is the official publication of the Fraternity and is published five times a year. It is sent to every living member. Subscription $2.00 per year.

Address all communications concerning the JOURNAL to the Editor, and correspondence concerning the Fraternity in all other matters to Dr. Ralph W. Elliott, Secretary-Treasurer, 10515 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

EDITOR

PAUL L. McLAIN, M.D., 33 McKelvey Road, Pittsburgh, (18) Pa.

ASSOCIATE EDITORS

RALPH L. COX, M.D., 10515 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
CARL C. FRANCIS, M.D., 2109 Adelbert Road, Cleveland, Ohio.
HARRY F. MERSHON, M.D., 1407 S. Hope Street, Los Angeles, Calif.
WM. J. STAPLETON, Jr., M.D., 641-45 David Whitney Bldg., Detroit, Mich.
DUDLEY M. STEWART, M.D., 2001 Collingwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio.
ROBERT L. SUTTON, M.D., 190 Lincoln Ave., Bellevue, Pa.
NORMAN C. WETZEL, M.D., 2103 Adelbert Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

Vol. 37 January, 1941 No. 3

We Have Guests

As a departure from our customary use of this page, we present herewith two excerpts, both written by members of the Fraternity, neither written especially for THE JOURNAL, both dealing with matters of concern to physicians and future physicians. It is to be hoped that our involuntary "guest editors" will forgive this presumption in view of the fact that their expressed views will in this way reach a few more readers. Your editor feels strongly that THE JOURNAL should represent as many diversified viewpoints and be written by as many different people as possible.

—o—

Our Job

"We who are living today hardly realize the meaning of current events. We are in an epoch of turmoil, conflict, and rapid changes in which social structures are demolished and a path of destruction cut through placid lives, forming a picture hideous in its unrelieved horror. We live in a period of social pathology, of dark malignity, a chaotic medley of murder and rape. As American physicians and as Phi Rho Sigmas, there are at least two things for us to do: as Americans to fight for our country so that democratic institutions be not entirely effaced from the world; and as physicians, to remain steadfast in our determination never to let the practice of medicine be reduced to the level of a government job."

—WM. J. STAPLETON, JR., M. D.
(on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration in Detroit)

—o—

Public Relations and Good Will

"Let it not be forgotten that some of the self-anointed lay reformers of medical practice are so obsessed with their ideas and exploitations that they seem altogether unable to comprehend that something must be at fault in their reasoning when they would tear down existing systems of practice that have given to these United States the lowest morbidity and mortality records of any civilized nation of the world. Many of these theorists and propagandists are also reluctant to acknowledge that, in America, the existing system of medical service is in harmony not only with the traditions of our land, but also with the well-considered conclusions and opinions of the great majority of physicians who are now in practice.

"Owing to the extensive propaganda that has been carried on in the press and on lecture platforms against American Medicine, a situation has arisen in which the medical profession is confronted, not with a theory, but with a fact, namely, that a changed and unfavorable reaction toward the medical profession as a whole has been created during recent years among many otherwise intelligent citizens who under former conditions, would have been friends and helpful proponents.

* * * *

"The thought may be suggested that governmental supervision or domination of medical practice will not work for the advancement of scientific medicine. Also, that scientific medicine in the existing world is greatly dependent for the protection of its interests and progress upon organized medicine.

"The task, then, of organized medicine is to convince the public that the objectives of scientific and organized medicine, as they now exist—with evolutionary modifications from within, as may be needed from time to time—are designed to and do promote, better than through other suggested systems, the conservation of public and personal health.

"Also, that in these endeavors, in order to safeguard the existing system of medical practice, every physician has a real place; his individual services becoming a part of the record of achievement that will make it possible for medical committees on public relations (good will) to properly function as promoters of scientific medicine and the conservation of the public health. Wherefore, again to emphasize the importance of the role of the individual physician in his relations to the public, these comments are submitted."

—GEORGE H. KRESS, M. D.
Editorial in *California and Western Medicine* for November, 1940)

Season's Greetings!

The officers and members of the Executive Council extend to all chapters and to all members of Phi Rho Sigma the most cordial wishes for health, happiness, and prosperity during the coming year. It is their earnest wish that the splendid spirit of fraternal unity dramatized by the widespread celebration of Founders' Day will keep Phi Rho Sigma perpetually in the front rank among the nation's medical fraternities and, further, that each and every member will come to realize to the full the values inherent in fraternity membership.

From the Mail Bag

To the Editor:

I assure you that we all of the Searcy family do sincerely appreciate the honor you have done us in calling attention to Dr. Geo. H. Searcy's work on pellagra.

Sincerely,
HARVEY B. SEARCY,
University of Michigan, '07

Book Reviews

"What a place to be in an old library! It seems as though the souls of all the writers are reposing there."

—Lamb.

HANDBOOK OF MICROSCOPIC CHARACTERISTICS OF TISSUES AND ORGANS.

By Karl A. Stiles, The Blakiston Co., Philadelphia, $1.50.

This book presents in a concise form the distinguishing features of histological structure. The author has organized his material carefully, and his outlines and summaries are valuable. This should be a useful volume for the student.

C. C. Francis.

A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE WRITINGS OF HARVEY CUSHING.

Prepared on the occasion of his 70th birthday, April 8, 1939, by the Harvey Cushing Society. Charles C. Thomas, Springfield, Illinois, $5.00.

If you are interested order at once as the edition is limited to 400 copies. All lovers of medical history, brain surgeons, and neurologists, will want this book.

CLAUDE BERNARD: PHYSIOLOGIST.

By James M. D. Olmsted, M. D. Paul B. Hoeber, Inc., New York City, $4.00.

A fascinating account of the life of a great man of medicine.

A TRUTHTELLING MANUAL AND THE ART OF WORLDLY WISDOM.

Translated from the Spanish by Martin Fischer, Professor of Physiology at the University of Cincinnati. Charles C. Thomas, $3.00.

This is a collection of the aphorisms which appear in the Works of Baltasar Gracian, of the Company of Jesus, and Reader in the Holy Scripture in the College of Tarragona. It was immediately translated from a 1653 Spanish text. One of the best bedside books I ever read. "May this volume serve as the menu card of reason at the feast of the intellectuals."

MEDICO OF THE VALLEY.

By Joan Hamilton-Stackford. Dorrance and Company, Philadelphia, $2.00.

A great chasm separates this novel from Gracian's book. It is the story of "Doctor Eli" Meredith, who lived in the valley beside the St. John's River in New Brunswick. The doctor dispenses other things than pills and powders to his patients. There is a love interest.

THE PATIENT'S DILEMMA.

By Richard Cabot, M. D. Reynal & Hitchcock, $2.50.

This is Cabot's idea of what the people of America need in medical service, personnel, and equipment, and how he thinks it can be obtained.

PHYSICIAN'S FARE.

By C. G. Learoyd, Longmans, Green & Co., New York, $2.00.

This book is by an English physician and consists of twenty-three tales. Herein the author has presented man as he knows him, naked and complete. It is an interesting lot of stories and written by a man who knows his stuff.

MORE STATELY MANSION.

By Pauline B. Fischer. Penn Publishing Company, Philadelphia, $2.50.

A story of the regeneration of Dr. Brent, a fashionable New York surgeon who settles in a mining town in Nevada. The doctor has been drinking too much. A right good moral tale with love also.

THE MARCH OF MEDICINE.

By Ray Lyman Wilbur, M. D. Stanford University Press, $2.75.

In this volume of addresses Dr. Wilbur has given us some very valuable contributions to some of the problems of medical practice. Recommended.

MISS SUSIE SLAGLE'S.

By Augusta Tucker. Harper & Company, New York.

A delightful story of a medical student's boarding house in Baltimore. The author lived in this house and knows whereof she speaks. I enjoyed it immensely.

PRIESTS OF LUCINA. THE STORY OF OBSTETRICS.

By Palmer Findley. Little, Brown & Company, Boston, $5.00.

Lucina, you remember, was the Roman goddess or spirit who brought children into the world. The new book, a series of biographical sketches, is clear, accurate, and attractive. For all of us.

"The Medicine Man."

More Internship Appointments

CHI ETA

Donald J. Birmingham, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio; Campbell C. Covington, General Hospital of Fresno, Fresno, Cal.; Robert H. Nuss, Fairview Park Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio; Paul V. Joliet, St. John's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio; Joseph A. Votypka, St. Alexis Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

ALPHA (Additional)

Lynn E. Fredrikson, St. Joseph's Hospital, Chicago, Ill.; Charles C. Shepard, Public Health Service, San Francisco, Cal.; Frank Solomon, St. Mary's Hospital, San Francisco, Cal.

Phi Rho Receives Matas Award

On November 14, 1940, the Matas Award, a memorial to the famous Rudolph Matas, of New Orleans, was granted to Dr. Dan C. Elkin, *Chi Beta,* for distinguished work in vascular surgery.

The work which formed the basis for receiving this unusual honor was concerned with the surgical treatment of stab wounds of the heart and aneurysm of the abdominal aorta, and was performed for the greater part at Grady Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia. The Matas Award has been given only twice before: in 1934 to Dr. Mont R. Reid, of Cincinnati, and in 1937 to Dr. Reynoldo dos Cantos, of Lisbon, Portugal.

Dr. Elkin graduated from Emory University Medical School in 1920. He then studied for three years under Dr. Harvey Cushing, in Boston, after which he returned to Atlanta. He is at present Professor of Surgery at Emory University, holding the Whitehead Chair of Surgery recently endowed. He is also chief surgeon to both Grady and Emory University Hospitals. He holds the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Officers Reserve Corps, and is a member of many professional societies.

Southern Medical Meeting

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Southern Medical Association was held in Louisville, Ky., November 12-15, 1940. An impressive list of guest speakers from states not included in the membership of the association contained the names of several members of Phi Rho Sigma. H. W. Orr, *Zeta,* of Lincoln, Neb., spoke on "Importance of Primary Care in the Treatment of Compound Fractures". R. A. Kimbrough, Jr., *Lambda Phi,* of Philadelphia, Pa., presented a paper on "Treatment of Uterine Prolapse". Sanford R. Gifford, *Alpha,* of Chicago, Ill., presented "Treatment of Paralytic Strabismus".

Epsilon to Try Preceptor Plan

In an attempt to remedy some of the practical deficiencies of an organized medical curriculum, Epsilon Chapter is planning to begin, at an early date, a preceptor system, according to the current number of *The Epsilon Informer*. According to present plans, senior undergraduate members of the chapter will attach themselves to various alumni as voluntary assistants and will, whenever convenient to the preceptor, sit in on office consultations and accompany the physician on house and hospital calls. The general purpose of the scheme is to give the embryo doctor some practical experience in the handling of people, office types of practice, and office business routine, subjects in which no medical school provides adequate training. This plan is a concrete example of the type of thing which a chapter can do to further the educational qualifications of its members. One of its important secondary results will be a further cementing of the relationships between alumni and undergraduate members of the Fraternity. Sponsored by the Detroit Alumni Association, the preceptor plan was announced and explained at the last business meeting of this organization by Dr. F. W. Hyde.

In this connection, it is interesting to note that a similar plan was in operation last summer under the auspices of Pi Chapter, at the University of Indiana. Signal success has been reported for the experimental period, and all eligible undergraduates are planning to take advantage of the experience next summer.

—o—

Agriculture, Journalism Listed in P. I. C.

Two new categories, Agriculture and Journalism, have been added to the Professional Interfraternity Conference, according to an announcement recently made by A. L. Doud, Jr., President of the Conference. Other professions included are Architecture, Chemistry, Commerce, Dentistry, Education, Engineering, Law, Medicine, and Pharmacy. Phi Rho Sigma has been a member of this Conference, and has taken an active part in its proceedings, for many years.

Chapter and Alumni News

(Continued from Page 3)

smoker in celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of Phi Rho Sigma. The affair was held in the chapter house and was well attended.

The program was under the direction of Charles Johnson, President of the chapter. Dr. Kenneth Johnson, of St. Boniface Hospital, spoke on the progress of the Fraternity in the fifty years of its existence. Ed. Hudson, Past-president of Alpha Iota Chapter, proposed a toast to the Fraternity which was answered in turn by President Johnson. The chapter regrets that its Honorary President, Professor A. T. Cameron, was called to Ottowa and could not attend the banquet.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Iota and Eta Chapters held a joint banquet in honor of the Golden Anniversary of the Fraternity at the Athletic Club in Omaha, November 19, 1940. Charles F. Moon, *Iota,* acted as toastmaster, and Ernest Kelley, *Eta,* was the keynote speaker. The banquet was graced by the presence of the deans of both schools, and each gave a splendid talk. Dr. C. M. Poynter, Dean of the University of Nebraska Medical School, was a charter member of Iota Chapter; Dean C. M. Wilhelmj, of Creighton University, was originally a member of Chi Zeta Chi. Approximately 300 attended the banquet, including many alumni from neighboring states.

Iota Chapter consists at the present time of 75 active members, 42 of whom are house men. There are 17 pledges living in the house and 5 more who live in Omaha.

Scholastically, the seniors of Phi Rho Sigma stand second in the interfraternity rating, the juniors are in first place by a five-point margin, the sophomores are in first place, and the freshmen are doing very well although no official report has been made.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

"A boy's will is the wind's will and the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts," was the theme of Dr. Irving S. Cutter's address to the Alpha's convened at the Golden Anniversary Banquet. With this tribute of Longfellow's to the youth of the world, Dr. Cutter honored the founders of Phi Rho Sigma, whose thoughts and dreams have brought this Fraternity to its present prominence and nation-wide recognition. Throughout the last fifty years, Phi Rho Sigma has maintained the high ideals of its founders, and through the constant interest of its members has become one of the outstanding medical fraternities of the nation. Phi Rho Sigma was the first medical fraternity to be organized at Northwestern University Medical School, and the Alpha Chapter proudly carries on the work that was begun before them.

Dr. Clifford G. Grulee, who was president of the Grand Chapter in 1916, gave a brief history of Phi Rho Sigma and introduced Dr. Cutter, who is Dean of Northwestern Medical School and was president of the Grand Chapter from 1927 to 1934.

Fifty-seven alumni and 80 undergraduate members attended the Golden Anniversary Banquet, which was held in the Italian Room of the Allerton Hotel in Chicago. John E. Promer, President of Alpha Chapter, acted as toastmaster and read telegrams from Drs. Milbank Johnson, Dave Wenstrand, Jonathan Forman, and Ralph Elliot, as well as portions of a letter from Alpha Eta Chapter, in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Following the banquet a smoker was held at the chapter house. Dr. Samuel C. Plummer (1894) related his famous story of his vivid experiences while crossing the North Sea. His description of sea-sickness is well known to the older Phi Rho's and will always remain in the memories of those to whom the story was new. Dr. Plummer topped the evening off by presenting Alpha Chapter with his Fraternity pin, which is similar to the original pin of Dr. Milbank Johnson. This keepsake will be placed with Dr. Johnson's pin over the mantel in the library of the Alpha Chapter house. In appreciation of this gift Alpha Chapter presented Dr. Plummer with a new pin.

Due credit belongs to Brothers John Promer and Howard Bayley, Jr., for their fine work in arranging Alpha's celebration of Phi Rho Sigma's Golden Anniversary.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Highlights of the fall social season for Omega Chapter were the steak fry at Dr. Fred Hall's and Dr. Forman's sea food treat. Dr. Fred Hall had members, pledges, and guests romping all over his new home after a delicious supper served out of doors. Dr. Forman maintained his outstanding reputation as a cook by serving alumni and undergraduates fresh shrimp with appropriate fixings that hit the spot.

On the evening of Anniversary Day, the members of Omega Chapter were visited by Dr. Dudley M. Stewart, Councilor for Ohio. The members were much impressed with the ideas presented at this meeting and will long remember the event.

Seniors of Omega Chapter who have arranged internships include Harold Treece, Lucas County Hospital, Toledo; Bill Myers, University Hospital, Columbus; Thad Moreland, St. Francis Hospital, Columbus; Sam Vinson, Detroit Receiving Hospital; David Sprague, Cleveland City Hospital.

Freshman pledges of Omega Chapter include Harold Carter and Erich Johnson, from Columbus; Joe Allman, from Urichsville; James Kritzler, from Lafayette; Milton Jones, from Akron; Dick Lehrer, from Sandusky; and Walter Horn, from Lakeville.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Doing its part in making the Fiftieth Anniversary a great success, Lambda Phi met with Alpha Lambda of Temple and Rho of Jefferson in a Philadelphia trichapter celebration. Toastmaster at the banquet was Arthur W. Phillips, of the Department of Medicine at Penn. The Phi Rho Sigma's of this city had the privilege of hearing from a most excellent group of speakers. Among these were two men who have long been actively interested in the Fraternity: Joseph McFarland, Past-president, and George Meeker, Dean of the Graduate School of Medicine at Penn. Harry Hibshman,

Professor of Proctology at Temple, and Pascal Lucchesi, Director of the Municipal Hospital of Philadelphia, were also speakers; and words of greeting and congratulations from the Grand Chapter were brought by Norman Macneill, Councilor for Eastern Pennsylvania. Guest of the evening was William Pepper, Dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Those three weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations are prone to drag out quite a bit, but the fellows managed to speed them up by getting together on two occasions for some real merry-making. An informal house dance was held on December 7 and a Christmas party on December 20.

With the internship appointments of James Dickson to Lankenau Hospital, Philadelphia; Fred Lorisch to San Diego County Hospital, San Diego, Cal.; and James Murphy and John Wenger to Philadelphia General Hospital, plans have been completed for next year by all seniors of Lambda Phi. In celebration, the nine men of the fourth-year class will hold an Intern Party, "in uniform", late in January.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Chi Chapter held a birthday party, complete with cake and candles, in honor of the Fraternity's Golden Anniversary. The affair was in the form of a formal dinner-dance, held in the Gold Room of the Roosevelt Hotel on October 31, 1940. Approximately 80 couples attended. During the dinner intermission, a short historical program was held, featuring a splendid talk on the progress of Phi Rho Sigma by Dr. Ralph W. Elliott, Secretary-Treasurer of the Fraternity. Paul L. McLain, Councilor for Western Pennsylvania, was toastmaster. The oldest surviving members of Chi Chapter were special guests of the evening. Carl Wasmuth and Edwin Keppel headed a joint committee of alumni and undergraduates in charge of the party.

An open meeting for freshmen was held in the Schenley Hotel on November 25, 1940. Virtually the entire male contingent of the first year class attended. After appropriate greetings from President Deverson, Dr. J. West Mitchell addressed the gathering on the importance of the basic sciences to the practice of medicine, as exemplified by the management of diabetes mellitus. After the program, refreshments were served.

The regular rushing smoker was held at the Shannopin Country Club on the evening of December 7. Details were not available at the time of going to press.

Among the draft board medical advisers named for Pennsylvania by Governor James are the following Phi Rho's from Allegheny County: H. O. Pollock, Turtle Creek; R. W. Ebe, Wilkinsburg; W. T. Holland, Springdale; L. E. Etter, Warrendale; A. H. Gross, Bellevue; and E. Y. Ord, McKeesport.

A. L. Cervino addressed the regular monthly meeting of the Westmoreland County Medical Society at Greensburg, Pa., November 19, 1940, on the subject: "Diabetic Gangrene." At the evening round table discussion, J. West Mitchell, Chairman of the Diabetes Commisson of the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, spoke on "General Considerations in Treatment of Diabetes."

Local members of the Fraternity were prominent at the State Society meeting in Philadelphia, September 30 to October 3, 1940. Representatives in the House of Delegates included N. C. Ochsenhirt, C. H. Henninger, T. L. McCullough, J. F. McCullough, and C. L. Palmer. R. L. Anderson was elected chairman of the Section on Urology. Papers were presented by J. West Mitchell, A. H. Colwell, J. P. Griffith, *Lambda Phi,* T. L. McCullough, S. R. Haythorn, *Zeta,* and G. J. Kastlin, *Lambda Phi.* A. H. Gross was appointed chairman of the local committee on arrangements for the 1941 session.

The 1940 Forum Program for premedical students at the University of Pittsburgh included addresses by C. H. Henninger, on "The Doctor's Activities in War," and C. L. Palmer, on "What is the Trend in the United States of Group Health Insurance?"

M. A. Guthrie announces the removal of his office to the Physicians Building, 121 University Place, Pittsburgh.

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Chi Delta Chapter is proud to report the results of an enjoyable and successful rushing season. The following nine men were pledged: W. H. Mathis, Jr., Augusta, Ga.; E. B. Ellis, Martin, S. C.; Gary Turner, N. Augusta, S. C.; S. S. McIlvaine, Meyer's Mill, S. C.; W. J. Jenkins, Beaufort, S. C.; Waitus Tanner, Columbia, S. C.; Edgar Myers, Pamplico, S. C.; E. Colvin, Chester, S. C.; and Newton Garland, Columbia, S. C.

An initiation of former pledges was held on November 2, 1940, and a party in honor of Founders' Day was scheduled for the following week-end.

There are now 20 men living in the chapter house. The house itself is in excellent condition; the two living rooms have been done over, and a new suite of furniture has been obtained.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

On the evening of November 15, 1940, 110 loyal Phi Rho's in Los Angeles and Southern California gathered at the Los Angeles University Club to celebrate the fiftieth Founders' Day and to pay tribute to our illustrious and beloved Founder, Dr. Milbank Johnson. Dr. Johnson was the main speaker of the evening, and it was indeed an inspirational talk that he delivered to the group. Dr. Johnson spoke about the founding of Phi Rho Sigma, gave many personal reminiscences, and concluded with a stirring message as to the Fraternity's duty to itself and to medicine in the future.

Other speakers included Paul S. McKibben, of the medical school faculty, and William Nance Anderson, a member of the general committee on arrangements for the nation-wide celebration. In addition many of the older alumni delivered brief appreciations of the Founder. Outstanding in the latter group were Albert Soiland, H. G. McNeil, H. A. Rosenkrantz, Frank Otto, and Captain Lowthrop.

Writing about the celebration, H. F. Mershon, Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern California Alumni, states:

"We out here feel that it is our rare good fortune to be able to have our Founder with us, particularly on a memorable occasion of this kind, and we just wish that we could share our good fortune with all the chapters throughout the country.

"May I close with the same message that our party closed with last night—that, while fifty years have passed and much has been accomplished, we cannot rest on our laurels; this is only the beginning, and we must all work for a bigger and better future, nor let any present governmental theories of defeatism enter into our progress. There is still plenty of room at the top for us to keep forging ahead."

TULANE UNIVERSITY

Delta Omicron Alpha Chapter celebrated the founding of the Fraternity with an informal buffet supper at the new chapter house, 1448 Nashville Avenue, New Orleans, on November 7, 1940. Dr. F. L. Jaubert, Historian of the Fraternity, was the main speaker. His address dealt with the history of Phi Rho Sigma. Other speakers included E. L. Zander, of the New Orleans Alumni Chapter, Fred Wild, Jr., of Delta Omicron Alpha Chapter, and Celeste Wichser, of Alpha Mu Chapter.

The chapter has just concluded a rushing season which netted six pledges. It is hoped that when the house is on a firmer footing additional pledges will be attracted.

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA

Upsilon Chapter participated in the nation-wide celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Phi Rho Sigma with a student-alumni banquet, held in the Commonwealth Club, in Richmond. The ceremony was preceded by a reception for alumni at the newly acquired chapter house at 409 North Eleventh Street.

The highlight of the banquet was a stimulating talk by Dr. W. H. Higgins, who outlined the value of the medical

(Continued on Page 8)

Anniversary Highlights

(Continued from Page 1)

ing was done by the Central Office. Greetings from President Forman and Secretary-Treasurer Elliott were sent by telegram to each gathering. Finally, in order that the spirit of the occasion might be prolonged, a special booklet outlining the historical highlights of the organization was distributed to each person attending. A few of these are still available to those who were unable to attend, and may be obtained by writing to the Central Office.

The special thanks and appreciation of the entire Fraternity are due those who conceived the idea of the Fiftieth Anniversary observance, and to those whose labors in behalf of this splendid idea are attested so eloquently by the results of their efforts.

Chapter Eternal

James T. Norton, *Kappa,* died August 27, 1940, at Kent, Ohio.

E. F. Henderson, *Alpha Gamma,* formerly of Westlock, Alberta, died at the University Hospital at Edmonton, Albert, on October 29, 1940. He was 49 years of age.

James H. Johnson, *Epsilon,* died at Hillsdale, Michigan, in July, 1940.

L. Irving Condit, *Theta Tau,* died in Detroit, Michigan, in September, 1940.

The following additional deaths have been reported, without full details:

Austin K. Van Duesen, *Alpha,* Chicago, Ill.

George L. Alt, *Beta,* Chicago, Ill.

Charles E. Mordoff, *Delta,* Oakland, Cal.

James A. MacMillan, *Epsilon,* Detroit, Mich.

Robert C. Hull, *Epsilon,* Detroit, Mich.

Hugo E. Nelson, *Eta,* Sharon Springs, Kan.

Reginald M. Wildish, *Iota,* Webster City, Iowa.

Clinton D. Fife, *Kappa,* Dayton, Ohio.

Garette Van Sweringen, *Rho,* Fort Wayne, Ind.

Philip D. Lipscomb, *Upsilon,* Richmond, Va.

Douglas D. Curry, *Alpha Gamma,* South Dayton, N. Y.

James D. Munroe, *Alpha Iota,* Winnipeg, Man.

Summerfield M. Taylor, *Alpha Omicron,* Austin, Tex.

Frederick A. Mendlein, *Alpha Omega Delta,* Buffalo, N. Y.

John W. Ebert, *Chi Gamma,* Towson, Md.

O. J. MacLaughlin, *Chi Zeta,* Hot Springs National Park, Ark.

Seth M. Fitchet, *Nu,* Boston, Mass.

Torr. W. Harmer, *Nu,* Boston, Mass.

—o—

First in Cash

The chapter honor roll is headed this year by Psi Chapter, at the University of Colorado. This was the first chapter to pay the Grand Chapter dues for the current year. Such distinction is not easily earned, and merits the highest commendation from the Fraternity at large.

—o—

Interns! Residents!

If you want an internship or residency, or if you are vacating such a post, please get in touch with the Central Office immediately. A file of vacancies is maintained, but such positions are quickly filled. You will have a better chance if your desires are known when notice of the vacancy is received. Don't delay.

Chapter and Alumni News

(Continued from Page 7)

fraternity based on a four-point foundation of friendship in school and in practice, ethics as exemplified in the ritual, leadership and character development, and intellectual freedom. Dr. Warren T. Vaughan served as toastmaster. In addition to Drs. Vaughan and Higgins, the following alumni were present: James Smith, William Southward, D. G. Chapman, Benjamin Rawles, P. D. Camp, A. Stephen Graham, and Carl Lingamfelter.

WAYNE UNIVERSITY

Fifty members of Epsilon Chapter and alumni of Detroit and environs gathered in the chapter rooms on October 31, 1940, for a banquet in honor of the founding of the Fraternity. F. W. Hyde, Jr., President of the chapter, introduced as toastmaster Dr. Allan McDonald, President of the Detroit Alumni Association and of the Wayne County Medical Society. Dr. McDonald presided in his usual brilliant fashion, reading greetings from the national officers of the Fraternity and from Dr. A. L. French. Featured speakers were Louis H. Chamberlin, a charter member of Epsilon Chapter, who recounted many amusing and interesting incidents of the early days of the chapter; Wm. J. Stapleton, Jr., who reviewed the history of the Fraternity and paid tribute to its founder; and Stuart Wilson, Past-president of Phi Rho Sigma, who spoke on the development of chapters, stressing the fact that the Fraternity's successful existence over so long a period was due to the efforts of so many loyal fraters.

Emory J. Brady is medical director and superintendent of his own private hospital for nervous and mental patients, The Colorado Springs Psychopathic Hospital, at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Glenford L. Bellis retired from active practice in 1938. He may be reached in care of the Brook Trout Estate, Elcho, Wisconsin.

D. M. Davidow presented a paper on Endometriosis before the staff of Delray General Hospital on November 1, 1940.

Fred Giese has moved to 10200 Tireman Ave., Detroit.

W. Bede Mitchell is now located at 19431 Van Dyke Ave., Detroit.

Theodore H. Hunt has also moved to 19431 Van Dyke Ave., Detroit.

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

Kappa Chapter celebrated the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity on November 4, 1940, with a smoker at the chapter house on Bellflower Road. A large group of alumni, undergraduates, and pledges were in attendance. Dr. Stuart Wilson was the speaker of the evening and gave a very interesting talk upon the history of the Fraternity.

Kappa Chapter is in very strong condition and is looking to the future with every confidence of maintaining the great traditions of the past.

Howard P. Taylor has been made a member of the Central Association of Obstetricans and Gynecologists.

John A. Toomey, Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Contagious Diseases, presided at a meeting of the Ohio branch of the Society of American Bacteriologists, at Ohio State University on November 9, 1940. The general title of the meeting was "Bacteriology in War and National Defense." Dr. Toomey has been given a further grant of $2,760 from the National Foundation for continuing his research on infantile paralysis at Cleveland City Hospital.

Marriages

John S. Clapp, *Chi,* to Miss Virginia Dare Chidester, at Monterey, Va., September 16, 1939.

Curtis C. Ruff, *Lambda Phi,* to Miss Roberta Drake, at Grove City, Pa., September 14, 1940.

William Bremer, *Epsilon,* to Miss Constance Maxon, October 5, 1940.

Reed Prugh, *Zeta,* to Miss Bette Davy, of Evart, Mich.

Donald Bramwell, *Alpha Delta,* to Miss Eva Stoll, of Cumberland, Wis., June 14, 1940.

Arthur F. Gore, *Eta,* to Miss Helen Claire Mullen, December 4, 1939.

Richard A. Matlock, *Eta,* to Miss Beverly Hargleroad, June 1, 1940.

Malcolm H. Sawyer, *Alpha,* to Miss Elinor James, of Viroqua, Wis., December 21, 1939.

William F. Hovis, Jr., *Alpha,* to Miss Janet Thomson, of Milwaukee, Wis., June 16, 1940.

Mervin E. Fatter, *Delta Omicron Alpha,* to Miss Patricia Kelly, of New Orleans.

Esmond A. Fatter, *Delta Omicron Alpha,* to Miss Bertie Thibodaux, of New Orleans.

Lawrence J. Kern, *Delta Omicron Alpha,* to Miss Jeannie Thibodaux, of New Orleans.